

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 1897.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President pro tempore, Mr. Myers, in the chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Bailey, Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hendley, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Phipps, Reeves, Thomas and Wadsworth—23.

A quorum present.

Prayer by Rev. E. Trice, Chaplain of the House.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was approved.

Mr. Williams was excused for the day.

Senator Hartridge was excused from attendance on account of business.

Introduction of Bills.

By Mr. Phipps:

Senate Bill No. 270:

A bill to be entitled an act for the division of DeSoto county, and the creation of a new county from a portion of the same;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on City and County Organization.

By Mr. Bynum:

Senate Bill No. 271:

A bill to be entitled an act to define and declare the liability of endorsers of negotiable instruments, using firm or trade names;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Clark:

Senate Bill No. 272:

A bill to be entitled an act to define the boundary line between Calhoun county and Jackson county;

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Clark moved that the rules be waived, and that Senate Bill No. 272 be read the second time;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 272 was read the second time in full.

Mr. Clark moved that the rules be waived, and that Senate Bill No. 272 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 272 was read the third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick, Dougherty, Guillard, Hendley, Hooker, Myers, McLain, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Reeves, Thomas and Wadsworth—22.

Nays—None.

So Senate Bill No. 272 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

By Mr. Palmer of 11th:

Senate Bill No. 273:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 56 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the division of the State of Florida into senatorial districts, and to amend section 56 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the apportionment of members of the House of Representatives of the State of Florida;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the special joint Committee on Apportionment.

Mr. Blitch of 21st moved that the messages from the House of Representatives be spread upon the Journal without reading, but that the bills therein be read the first time by title and referred;

Which was agreed to.

Messages from the House.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 21, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 271:

A bill to entitled an act to enable foreign corporations to do business in the State of Florida, and regulating the same.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 271, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 21, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 321:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 10 of an act entitled an act to keep in repair all public roads and bridges and to open new roads in the county of Orange, State of Florida, approved June 5, 1891, so as to authorize said county to levy a special tax for road improvement.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 321, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on City and County Organization.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 21, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 12:

A bill to be entitled an act to give unto the Florida Central and Peninsular Railroad Company the power of eminent

domain and the right to condemn property between Plant City, in Hillsborough county, Florida, and the city of Tampa, and the waters of Hillsborough river and Hillsborough bay, in said county and State.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 12, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Orders of the Day.

House Bill No. 10:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit any railroad or other transportation company, or any officer or official thereof from contributing any money or free transportation to persons or political parties for political purposes, and to provide penalties therefor;

Which was under consideration when the Senate adjourned yesterday, was taken up—

The pending question being the following amendment offered by Mr. Palmer of 11th:

Just after the amendment by Senator Carson, last adopted, strike out the words "or to furnish any pass—free pass or gratuitous transportation."

Mr. Chipley moved that House Bill No. 10 be made a special order for 11 o'clock Monday;

Which was agreed to.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Crosby, Chairman of the Committee on Temperance, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 22, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Temperance, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 193:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2634 of article 14, chapter 7, the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the selling of liquors in counties or precincts, voting against such sales, or in counties or precincts where no vote has been taken on the question.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the same do pass.

Very respectfully,

A. CROSBY,

Chairman Committee on Temperance.

And House Bill No. 193, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Bynum, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 22, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 362:

A bill to be entitled an act making an appropriation for the encampment and transportation for the State troops for the year 1897.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

J. H. T. BYNUM,

Chairman Committee on Appropriations.

And House Bill No. 362 contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Wadsworth, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 22, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 263:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the incorporation of mutual fire insurance companies, and define their rights, powers and duties.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

B. D. WADSWORTH,

Chairman Committee on Corporations.

And Senate Bill No. 263, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Daniel, Chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 22, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 3:

A bill to be entitled act to amend sections 2, 3, 4, 6, 10, 12, 22, 24, 25, 30, 37, 40, of an act entitled an act to provide for the registration of all legally qualified voters in the several counties of the State, and to provide for general and special elections and for the returns of elections, approved May 25, 1895.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the same do pass with amendment attached, to-wit: In line 5, section 6, strike out after the word "published" in line 5, all of said said section down to the word "within" in line 12 (engrossed bill).

Very respectfully,

W. J. DANIEL,

Chairman Committee on Privileges and Elections.

And House Bill No. 3, contained in the above report, together with the amendment offered by the committee, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Wadsworth, Chairman of the Committee on Militia,
submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 22, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Militia, to whom was referred—
House Bill No. 150:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act
to amend section 568 and 570 of the Revised Statutes of the
State of Florida, concerning annuities for disabled soldiers
and sailors of the State of Florida, approved June 2, 1893.

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and
recommend that it be passed with the following amendment:

In line 23, page 6, section 1, strike out the words "who
died and who is unmarried," and substitute therefor the
words, "who died during the war or since and who has re-
mained unmarried."

Very respectfully,

B. D. WADSWORTH,
Chairman Committee on Militia.

And House Bill No. 150, contained in the above report,
together with the amendments offered by the committee,
was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Barber, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed
Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 22, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills to whom was re-
ferred—

Senate Bill No. 186:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 661 and 664,
Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to proceedings to or-
ganize and incorporate cities and towns, to elect officers
therefor, and to provide for a record of such proceedings.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the
same, and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. F. BARBER,
Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bill No. 186, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Barber, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 21, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 177:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the mode of issuing temporary certificates of qualification by the Boards of Medical Examiners, defining the duties of the members and secretaries of the same, and prescribing a punishment for a breach thereof.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. F. BARBER,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bill No. 177, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Barber, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 22, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 175:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the practice in appellate proceedings from courts of Justices of the Peace, and other inferior courts to the Circuit Courts.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. F. BARBER,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bill No. 175, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Barber, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 21, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 182:

A bill to be entitled an act to require express companies to deliver freight at the point or place where such freight is billed or marked to be delivered.

Also,

Senate Bill No 198:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the reproduction by means of the kinetoscope, or by other means, the Corbett-Fitzsimmons prize fight, or any other of like character.

Beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the same, and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. F. BARBER,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bills Nos. 182 and 198, contained in the above report were placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Barber, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 22, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 187:

A bill to be entitled an act establishing a geological survey of the State of Florida.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 188:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal section 3 of chapter

4332 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act requiring the Boards of Public Instruction for the several counties of this State and treasurers of county school funds to make and publish itemized financial statements of their dealings with county school funds, approved May 30, 1895.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. F. BARBER,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bills Nos. 187 and 188, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Barber, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 21, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 184:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the pleadings in suits upon policies of insurance, and prescribing form of declaration.

And,

Senate Bill No. 149:

A bill to be entitled an act to protect the children of Florida from baneful influence of false, partial and partisan instruction in the public schools thereof.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. F. BARBER,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bills Nos. 184 and 149, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Hooker, Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 22, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act relating to fire insurance policies, prescribing a rule of evidence and measure of damage in case of loss.

Also,

An act to amend an act entitled an act to grant certain lands to aid in the construction of the Fernandina Western Railway.

Also,

An act to regulate the catching or taking of fish in the waters of the State of Florida.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills.

And the acts contained in the above report were referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Hooker, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 22, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act relating to fire insurance policies, prescribing a rule of evidence and measure of damage in case of loss.

Also,

An act to amend an act entitled an act to grant certain lands to aid in the construction of the Fernandina Western Railway.

Also,

An act to regulate the catching or taking fish in the waters of the State of Florida.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

And the acts contained in the above report were referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to be conveyed to the House of Representatives for signature of Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

A committee from the House of Representatives, consisting of Messrs. Harris, Wall of Putnam and Zewadski, appeared at the bar of the Senate, and presented the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 22, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—We, a committee of three from the House of Representatives of the State of Florida, appear at the bar of the Senate, and in the name of the House of Representatives, and of all the people of Florida, do hereby impeach Clarence B. Collins, Treasurer of Florida, of high crimes and misdemeanors in office, and hereby give notice that the House of Representatives will in due time exhibit particular articles of impeachment against him, and make good the same; and this committee in the name of the House of Representatives, and of all the people of Florida, do demand that the Senate take order for the appearance of the said Clarence B. Collins, Treasurer, to answer to said impeachment.

Respectfully,

W. HUNT HARRIS, Chairman,
J. P. WALL,
W. K. ZEWADSKI.

The President pro tempore (Mr. Myers) replied: "In behalf of the Senate, the chair will state that the order will be taken."

Mr. Adams moved that the rules be waived, and that the Senate take up bills upon their third reading;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Bills on Third Reading.

Senate Bill No. 66:

A bill to be entitled an act to abolish the present corporation of the town of Clear Water Harbor, Florida, and to provide a municipal government for the town of Clear Water, and to define the boundaries thereof,

Was taken up and read the third in time full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hendley, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Phipps, Reeves, Thomas and Wadsworth—23.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

By permission—

Mr. Bailey introduced:

Senate Bill No. 274:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the issue of bonds by the town of Monticello for the construction of water works and other purposes, creating trustees of such bonds, and providing for the payment of the interest on and the principal of such bonds;

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Bailey moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 274 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 274 was read second time by its title.

Mr. Bailey moved that the rules be waived, and that Senate Bill No. 274 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 274 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hendley, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Phipps, Reeves, Thomas and Wadsworth—25.

Nays—None.

So Senate Bill No. 274 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

By permission—

Mr. Hooker, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 22, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

Joint Resolution to the Senators and Representatives from the State of Florida in the Congress of the United States.

Beg leave to report that the same has been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and is herewith presented for the signature of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Enrolled.

The President announced that he was about to sign—

Joint Resolution to the Senators and Representatives from the State of Florida in the Congress of the United States.

The act was therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

By permission—

Mr. Hooker, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 22, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

A bill to be entitled an act making an appropriation to defray the funeral and other expenses of Representative H. A.

H. Crumpton, and to pay to his widow any balance of salary which would have accrued to him had he lived.

Beg leave to report that the same has been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and is herewith presented for the signature of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Enrolled.

The President announced that he was about to sign—

An act making an appropriation to defray the funeral and other expenses of Representative H. A. H. Crumpton, and to pay to his widow any balance of salary which would have accrued to him had he lived.

The act was therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

By permission—

Mr. Hooker, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 22, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

Memorial to the Congress of the United States, asking that the homesteaders in the storm district be permitted to purchase their lands at not more than twenty-five cents an acre.

Beg leave to report that the same has been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and is herewith presented for the signature of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Enrolled.

The President announced that he was about to sign—

Memorial to Congress of the United States, asking that the homesteaders in the storm district be permitted to purchase their lands at not more than twenty-five cents an acre.

The act was therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

By permission—

Mr. Hooker, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 22, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act relating to fire insurance policies, prescribing a rule of evidence and measure of damage in case of loss.

Also,

An act to amend an act entitled an act to grant certain lands to aid in the construction of the Fernandina Western Railway.

Also,

An act to regulate the catching or taking of fish in the waters of the State of Florida.

Beg leave to report that the same has been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and is herewith presented for the signature of the President and Secretary of the Senate:

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Enrolled.

The President announced that he was about to sign—

An act relating to fire insurance policies, prescribing a rule of evidence and measure of damage in case of loss.

Also,

An act to amend an act entitled an act to grant certain

lands to aid in the construction of the Fernandina Western Railway.

Also,

An act to regulate the catching or taking of fish in the waters of the State of Florida.

The acts were therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

By permission—

Mr Chipley, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 22, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was recommitteed—

Senate Bill No. 245:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the county of Seminole from a portion of the county of Orange.

Beg leave to report that we have examined the same, and return it without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

W. D. CHIPLEY,

Chairman Committee on City and County Organization.

And Senate Bill No. 245, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

Mr. Chipley, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 22, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 233:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the city of Palatka to borrow money by issuing bonds for water works and a system of sewerage.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

W. D. CHIPLEY,

Chairman Committee on City and County Organization.

And House Bill No. 233, contained in the above report was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Consideration of bills on third reading was resumed.

House Bill No. 32:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 13, of chapter 4346, of the Laws of Florida, being an act entitled an act to define and declare what shall be deemed nuisances injurious to health, and to provide for the removal thereof and punishment therefor,

Was taken up and read the third time in full and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Hendley, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Phipps, Reeves, Thomas and Wadsworth.—23.

Nays—None.

So House Bill No. 32 passed, title as stated.

Mr. Thomas moved that he be allowed to substitute House Joint Resolution No. 4 for Senate Joint Resolution No. 9 on the calendar;

Which was agreed to.

And,

House Joint Resolution No. 4:

Proposing an amendment to section 35 of article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to the establishment of courts in this State,

Was taken up and read the third time in full and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Hendley, Hooker, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Reeves and Thomas—21.

Nays—Messrs. Chipley, Myers and Phipps—3.

So House Joint Resolution No. 4, having received a vote of three-fifths of all the members elected to the Senate, passed.
Senate Joint Resolution No. 98:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to section 6, article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Florida,

Was taken up and read the third time in full and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st and Darby—3.

Nays—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Barber, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick, Dougherty, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Phipps, Reeves and Thomas—18.

So Senate Joint Resolution No. 98, not having received a vote of three-fifths of all the members elected to the Senate, failed to pass.

Mr. Palmer of 11th was excused from voting.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that he be allowed to substitute Senate Bill No. 28 for Senate Bill No. 26 on the calendar;

Which was agreed to.

And,

Senate Bill No. 28:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 1742 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the acquisition of liens by persons in privity with the owner, and to amend section 1743 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the acquisition of liens by persons not in privity with the owner, and to amend section 1744 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the remedies of lienors against either real or personal property,

Was taken up and read the third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Darby, Dougherty, Hendley, Hooker, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Phipps, Thomas and Wadsworth—16.

Nays—Messrs. Adams, Bynum, Daniel, Dimick, Gaillard, Myers and Palmer of 14th—7.

So Senate Bill No. 28 passed, title as stated.

Mr. Darby moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 28 passed.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the committee appointed to inquire into the management of the affairs of the State Normal College at DeFuniak Springs be authorized to employ a stenographer;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the message of the House of Representatives, relating to the impeachment of Clarence B. Collins, Treas-

urer of the State of Florida, be referred to a special committee of five to be appointed by the President to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Dougherty moved the adoption of the resolution;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Carson offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 33:

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Committee on En-grossed Bills be required to report to the Senate on Monday morning the number and names of assistant clerks employed by said committee, by whom employed, and the length of time they have served.

Mr. Carson moved the adoption of the resolution;

Which was agreed to.

By permission—

Mr. Hooker, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 22, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act making an appropriation to defray the funeral and other expenses of Representative H. A. H. Crumpton, and to pay to his widow any balance of salary which would have accrued to him had he lived.

Beg leave to report that the same has been delivered to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

By permission—

Mr. Hooker, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 22, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

Joint Resolution to the Senators and Representatives from the State of Florida in the Congress of the United States.

Beg leave to report that the same has been delivered to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

By permission—

Mr. Hooker, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 22, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

A memorial to the Congress of the United States asking that the homesteaders in the storm district be permitted to purchase their lands at not more than twenty-five cents an acre.

Beg leave to report that the same has been delivered to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 22, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to whom was referred—

An act relating to fire insurance policies, prescribing a rule of evidence and measure of damage in case of loss.

Also,

An act to amend an act entitled an act to grant certain

lands to aid in the construction of the Fernandina Western Railway.

Also,

An act to regulate the catching or taking of fish in the waters of the State of Florida.

Beg leave to report that the same have been delivered to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that the Senate do now take a recess until 3:30 p. m;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3:30 O'CLOCK.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President pro tempore in the chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Reeves, Thomas and Wadsworth—21.

A quorum present.

Mr. Gaillard moved that the Senate do now adjourn.

The yeas and nays were demanded.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Daniel, Gaillard and Myers—3.

Nays—Messrs. Broome, Clark, Crosby, Dimick, Dougherty, Hooker, McLin, Palmer of 11th and Palmer of 14th—10.

So the motion to adjourn did not prevail.

The Senate resumed the consideration of bills on third reading.

Senate Bill No. 122:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 267 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to investment by Boards of Education of moneys of school fund,

Was taken up and read the third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barber, Darby, Palmer of 14th and Thomas—4.

Nays—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hendley, Hooker, Myers, McLin and Reeves—18.

So Senate Bill No. 122 failed to passed.

Mr. Broome was excused from voting.

Senate Bill No. 133:

A bill to be entitled an act to declare legal the incorporation of the town of Lake Butler, in the county of Bradford, incorporated under the statute for incorporating cities and towns, and to provide for the issuance of bonds by said town for the purpose of establishing a system of water works and sewerage, and for illuminating purposes for said town,

Was taken up and read the third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Reeves and Thomas—18.

Nays—None.

So Senate Bill No. 133 passed, title as stated.

Mr. Adams moved that Senate Bill No. 168 be made a special order for 12 o'clock Monday.

Mr. Reeves moved that Senate Bill No. 168 be made a special order for 11 o'clock Wednesday;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty moved that there be held a session of the Senate on Monday evening next at 8 o'clock p.m. for the consideration of local measures, and that the order be continued until calendar is cleared;

Which was agreed to.

By permission—

Mr. Bynum introduced (by request):

Senate Bill No. 275:

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the division of Lafayette county, and the formation of the county of Cedar;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on City and County Organization.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the rules be waived, and that House Bill No. 362 be taken up;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

House Bill No. 362:

A bill to be entitled an act making an appropriation for the encampment and transportation for the State troops for the year 1897,

Was read the second time in full.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 362 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 362 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th and Thomas—19.

Nays—None.

So House Bill No. 362 passed, title as stated.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Clark was excused from voting.

Mr. Bailey was excused until Monday afternoon.

Mr. (President) Perrenot was excused indefinitely on account of sickness.

Mr. Chipley moved that the Senate do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 10 o'clock Monday morning, May 24, 1897.

MONDAY, MAY 24, 1897.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President pro tempore, Mr. Myers, in the chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Adams, Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hendley,